

# MINUTES

## GOVERNANCE COUNCIL – February 16, 2024

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**Members Present:** Matt Seimears, Kristen Finnel, Wendy Hall, Lucas Myers, Catie Graham, Alex Brehm, Adam Wolfer, Dana Cummings, Morgan Stierman, Laura Sampson (sub for Bryanna Doumit) and Sam Orth, (sub for Kendra Sprague).

1. Minutes of December 6, 2023

**MOTION:** By Catie Graham, seconded by Alex Brehm,

That the minutes be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

2. **Policy Review:** Sam Orth shared two new policies, 270-Whistleblower and 672-Lost and Found Property. Sam also shared changes made to the Code of Ethics and Leave Procedure 250.4A. The policies/procedure will be edited based on Governance Council feedback and will be reviewed at UMCC as part of the regular review cycle. The Code of Ethics will also be sent to the ethics board for review once the LCC review process is complete.
3. **Academic Calendar:** Lucas Myers postponed this discussion to the next meeting.
4. **Campus Technology:** Lucas Myers postponed this discussion to the next meeting.
5. **Telework:** President Matt Seimears lead a discussion on telework, sabbaticals and teaching abroad. Topics of discussion included:
  - Advantages and disadvantages of allowing a faculty member who is a content expert on a course to Telework for an entire quarter.
  - General history of sabbatical request approvals.
  - Management of requests for teaching abroad, sabbatical and telework.
  - Balancing equitable opportunities for faculty and positive student experiences.
  - Faculty responsibilities outside of teaching that cannot be fulfilled remotely fall to the rest of the department which creates additional challenges and undue burden.
  - Time-zone differences create communication challenges and delay responses.
6. **Other:** Lucas Meyers inquired about the date of the Board meeting at which tenure is granted, since it falls outside of the faculty contract schedule. Kristen reported that, unfortunately, the meeting will not be able to be moved or rescheduled. The Executive leadership Team (ELT) will work with the Board of Trustees to avoid this type scheduling issue in the future.

President Matt Seimears introduced the 2025 Legislative Priorities Survey. LCC has until March 8<sup>th</sup> to provide feedback on the survey. The ELT ranked the priorities at the last ELT meeting. Lucas Meyers has been provided a copy of the survey with ELT's bulleted notes. He will send the survey to faculty to rank priorities and provide feedback. The survey will also be sent out to classified and exempt staff for feedback.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.